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PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES MARCH 3, 2016

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I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee was called to order on March 3, 2016 at 9:36 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

William Green, MS, LRC, Committee Chair Ketrin Saud Maxwell, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Vice-Chair Diane Licht, MA, LPC, Committee Member Peter Economou, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member W. Michael Shea, Ph.D., LPC, Committee Member

Absent:

Dana Kaspereen, Ph.D., LPC, LCADC, Committee Member

Also Present:

Shirley Dickstein, Deputy Attorney General Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst (Public Session) Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Confidential Assistant

Committee Chair, William Green announced the presence of a quorum and read the Sunshine Law:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion by made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to approve the February 4, 2016 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

Ashley Prokop - Caldwell University – Student

Lindsey Bell – Caldwell University – Student

Kaitlin Sheehy – Caldwell University – Student

Renee Folzenlogen – Caldwell University – Student

Edina Renfro-Michel – Montclair State University – Faculty

Lucille Gesualdi – Montclair State University – Faculty

Annette Vacarro - Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis – Student

Lisa Thompson- Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis – Student

James Whitaker – Applicant

Randy Clark - President NJCA

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 5,495 total active licenses (Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Associate Counselors and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselors.) Currently there are 1,483 applications and 33 reinstatements pending.

* Pending applications include applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VI. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Sunset Regulation Review

The Committee reviewed a draft copy of the proposed regulation changes.

Upon motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee voted to approve the publication of the proposed amendments to the regulations. The proposed amendments will be presented to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners at their April 14, 2016 meeting for final approval. Voting in favor: all.

Upon motion made by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, and seconded by Peter Economou, the Committee voted to approve and designate Board Chair William Green, to approve any updates or changes that Regulatory Analyst, Rachel Glasgow, may need to make for final determination. Voting in favor: all.

B. N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1 Supervisory Requirements

The Committee reviewed regulation N.J.A.C. 13:34-13.1.

The Committee will have Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow draft proposed changes to the supervisory requirements for Committee review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None to review.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Texas article regarding distance technology

The Committee reviewed the article regarding Texas counselors battling over proposed "distance" therapy restrictions.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to review.

X. NEW JERSEY COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

William (Randy) Clark, LPC, LCADC, President - NJCA, discussed with the Committee the NJCA Conference scheduled for April 2016. Board Chair William Green, Committee Member Peter Economou and Committee Member Diane Licht will be presenting at the conference this year.

XII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Regulations Sub-Committee:

The Sub-Committee completed its initial review for Sunset in 2016. Draft has been reviewed and approved, and will go before the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for final approval.

B. <u>Internet Therapy Counseling:</u>

Assistant Deputy Director Terry Goldberg is assisting the PC Sub-Committee on internet therapy counseling by assigning Stephen C. Tighe, law intern, to compile all available data on statutes and regulations on internet therapy. Once completed, all information will be summarized for the full Committee to review.

XIII. FILED ORDERS

None to review.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for April 7, 2016.

Meeting Dates for 2016

April 7, 2016

May 5, 2016

June 2, 2016

July 7, 2016

August 7, 2016

September 1, 2016

October 6, 2016

November 3, 2016

December 1, 2016

XIV. <u>APPLICATION REVIEW</u>:

National Counselor Examination (NCE) approval

Aftab, Pouya

Brice, Jason

Castillo, Elsy

Brooks, Vernee

Cataline, Rebecca

Chrysostom, Patricia

Corderu, Jasmin

Clearwaters, Jennifer

Ecochard, Christopher

Gray, Robin

Hill, Karen

Hoyle, Christine

Ianniello, Lauren

Kwon, Linda

McClain, Viney

Phillip, Emelda

Raimondi, Nicole

Redmenski, Ronald

Salus-Astacio, Monika

Salzer, William

Speicher, Cory

Suarez, Alyssa

Sullivan-Fullerton, Margaret

Licensed Associate Counselor (LAC) approval

Appleman, Anna

Brown-Huston, Heather

Eller, Christina

Fouratt, Abigail

Montalbano, Juliany

McKenna, Timothy

Ortiz, Veronica

Patel, Binal

Ross, Alexandra

Sanchez, Yeraldin

Savino, Jaclyn

Shutka, Jacqueline

Sypniewski, Pamela

Ulsh, Faith

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) approval

Bari, Sonya

Borowiec, Michael

Collins, Natashia

Colletti, Kristina

Cornelius, Julie

Crance, Jenna

Debapriya, Mukhopadhyay

Demko, Veronica

Digiacono, Paul

Galletto, Alyssa

Grinblat, Dana

Guadagro, Victoria

Henry, Justin

Hunckler, Jessica

Kozowski, Deidra

Villalobos, Viviana

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by W. Michael Shea, and seconded by Diane Licht, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session at 11:16 a.m. for review of applications for licensure, plans of supervision, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Peter Economou, and seconded by Ketrin Saud Maxwell, the Committee adjourned the public meeting at 1:33. Voting in favor: all.

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